

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present U.S. application. Claims 1-10 remain in the application.

A. 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)Patel - Claims 1-10

Claims 1-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by the U.S. Patent No. 6,366,467 issued April 2, 2002 to P.R. Patel, et al. (hereinafter "the Patel patent") (Office Action, page 2).

A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. *Verdegaal Brothers v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the claim. *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989).

With regard to claims 1-10, the Office relies on the Patel patent for a teaching of a "land grid array socket or interposer mounted to an array of contacts on a power converter (SDC or 602)." (Office Action, page 2). However, the Office inadvertently construes the "interposer" to be a land grid array socket. The Patel patent teaches a SDC 602 mounted to an interposer 606, not to a land grid array socket (col 5, lines 32-25). The interposer 606 comprises pins 608 that insert into the socket 612 on the PC board 616 (col. 5, lines 37-39). The interposer 606 is between the SDC 602 and the socket 612. Thus the Patel patent teaches the interposer mounted to the socket, not a SDC mounted to a socket, as required by independent claims 1 and 6 of the

present invention. Therefore, since the Patel patent does not teach or disclose all of the limitations of independent claims 1 and 6 of the present invention, independent claims 1 and 6, and dependent claims 2-5 and 7-10 which depend from claims 1 and 6 respectively, are not anticipated by the Patel patent. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Section 102(e) rejection of claims 1-10 are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicants request allowance of the application. Please forward further communications to the address of record. If the Examiner needs to contact the below-signed agent to further the prosecution of the application, the contact number is (503) 264-0944.

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